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SUBJ: BHUTAN: INDIA REFUSES ENTRY PERMITS: COMMENTS  
ON BANGLADESH

REF: NEW DELHI 3946

1. REFTTEL REPORTED THAT SINCE MID-1975 THE GOI  
INCREASED ITS EFFORTS TO LIMIT BHUTAN'S ACCESS TO  
FOREIGN (NON-INDIAN) TECHNICIANS THROUGH ITS CONTROL  
OF THE REQUIRED "INNER LINE" TRANSIT PERMITS. ACCORDING  
TO AN OFFICER OF THE ROYAL BHUTAN MISSION HERE, THE  
GOI CONTINUES ITS ANTIPATHY TOWARDS FOREIGN TECHNI-  
CIANS' WORKING IN BHUTAN. RECENTLY THE GOI DENIED  
ICAO TECHNICIANS ENTRY PRMITS, WHICH THE BHUTANESE  
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EMBOFF INTERPRETS AS INDICATIVE OF A GOI POLICY

AGAINST BHUTAN'S DEVELOPING ITS AVIATION FACILITIES.  
THE GOI, HE SAID, DOES NOT WANT A LOT OF PLANES  
FLYING AROUND IN WHAT IT REGARDS AS AN AREA IMPORTANT  
TO ITS SECURITY.

2. OUR BHUTANESE SOURCE SAID THAT IN JULY THE GOI  
DENIED SEVERAL BRITISH GOVERNMENT SPONSORED SCHOOL  
TEACHERS ENTRY PERMITS. THE BRITISH HAVE COMPLAINED  
TO THE GOI, BUT THE BHUTANESE DOES NOT THINK THAT THE  
GOI WILL REVERSE ITSELF.

3. THE BHUTANESE ATTITUDE CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF  
PHILOSOPHIC RESIGNATION TO THE FACT THAT IT IS AT  
THE GOI'S MERCY ON THIS ISSUE. THEY ARE, HOWEVER,  
CONCERNED THAT THE GOI POLICY COULD UNDERMINE THE  
UNDP'S ENTIRE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR BHUTAN.

4. ASKED TO COMMENT ABOUT BANGLADESH ACCUSATIONS OF  
INDIAN-AIDED INCURSIONS, THE BHUTANESE EMBOFF (WHO  
WAS THE KING'S CONTROL OFFICER WHEN HE PASSED  
THROUGH INDIA ON HIS WAY TO COLOMBO) SAID THAT HE  
THOUGHT THE INDIANS WERE INDEED HARASSING THE BDG.  
HE DESCRIBED INDIA'S NEIGHBORS AS LIVING IN THE  
SHADOW OF A GIANT WHO COULD HURT THEM WHEN IT  
STIRRED TO SCRATCH ITSELF. AT NO TIME DID HE ALLUDE  
TO INDIA'S "GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY" PRAISED BY HIS  
KING AT THE COLOMBO NAC.  
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